THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) During 2005-06, the percentage of Rajasthan in total production of milk in the country was 8.98%.

(b) The per capita availability of milk in Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana are as follows:

State	Per Capita Availability (gm. Per day)
Rajasthan	387
Punjab	943
Haryana	628

(c) During the last three years, no such scheme is in operation.

Rice and Wheat production

2596. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice and wheat produced during the years 2002-03, 2003-2004, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) whether this quantity falls short of the targets in each year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps contemplated to remove these reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The table below gives the target and quantity of rice and wheat produced during the years 2002-03 to 2005-06:

(*Million Tonnes*)

Year	Rice		Wheat	
	Target	Production	Target	Production
2002-03	93.00	71.82	78.00	65.76
2003-04	93.00	88.53	78.00	72.15
2004-05	93.50	83.13	79.50	68.64
2005-06	87.80	91.04*	75.53	69.48*

* 4th advance estimates released on 15.07.2006

Barring the year 2005-06 in the case of rice, production in each year is less than the target both in case of rice and wheat.

(c) Production in a year depends on a number of factors including adequate temporal and spatial distribution of rainfall. Year 2002-03 was a drought year which resulted in sharp decline in production of rice and wheat. Deficient rains from the South-West Monsoon during 2004-05 and abnormal rise in temperature in February 2006 in states of North-Western region adversely affected the produciton of these crops in 2004-05 and 2005-06.

(d) To increase the production of rice and wheat in the country, Government is implementing Integrated Cereals Development Programmes in Rice and Wheat Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice and ICDP). Under the Scheme assistance is provided for propagation of improved production technology, hybrid seed production technology, integrated pest management through field demonstrations, training of farmers including women, transfer of technology through electronic media and published literature, farm implements, installation of sprinkler irrigation system and production of certified seeds.

Inclusion of more districts in the package for farmers

2597. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for inclusion of more Districts in the Prime Minister's Special Central Assistance package for farmers; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government of India has approved a special rehabilitation package for distressed farmers of 31 suicide prone districts in the country. Several States including Andhra Pradesh Karnataka Kerala and Maharashtra have demanded for inclusion of more districts under the rehabilitation package. Alongwith the special rehabilitation package the Government of India has approved a special action plan for Idukki and Alappuzha districts of Kerala on the following lines:—